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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 2811  
PATENT APPLICATION



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q67964

Masamoto TAGO, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/043,225

Group Art Unit: 2811

Confirmation No.: 4956

Examiner: Nitin PAREKH

Filed: January 14, 2002

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, MANUFACTURING METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR THE SAME

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

	After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For				
All Claims	162	-	158	=	4	X	\$18.00 = \$72.00
Independent	11	-	11	=		X	\$86.00 = \$.00
					<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>= \$72.00</b>

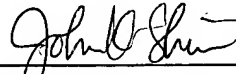
**EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER**

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A check for the statutory fee of \$72.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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